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SUBJECT: IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REPORT SOME MOVEMENT ON RESOLVING PKK ISSUE

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Classified By: Political Counselor Margaret Scobey for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: In separate conversations on July 30 and 31, President Talabani and Foreign Minister Zebari assured Charge d'Affaires that the Government of Iraq Moves to Resolve PKK Issue

[1](#)2. (S) President Jalal Talabani told Charge d'Affaires Scobey on July 31 that the situation with the PKK remained delicate. He reported that t

[1](#)3. (S) Talabani said that the PKK responded positively to the KDP/PUK intervention. However, they wanted to hear from their jailed leader Ocal

[1](#)4. (S) Talabani repeated earlier reports that the PKK were ready to hand in their weapons to U.S. authorities in Iraq in return for a Turkish

[1](#)5. (S) Talabani praised Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan's government as a democratic administration which recognized the Kurds, and expressed h

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[1](#)5. (S) In a separate phone call on July 31, Foreign Minister Zebari confirmed the details passed by Talabani and said that he had also checked

[1](#)6. (C) Zebari reported that his own recent bilateral meetings in Ankara had gone well, paving the way for more investment. Ankara had promised

Makhmour Camp

[1](#)7. (C) Zebari also mentioned that the GOI is ready to assist with voluntary repatriation for the Makhmour refugee camp. In response to the CD#
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